

ARACHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH FUND

The AAS Fund for Arachnological Research (AAS Fund) is funded and administered by the American Arachnological Society. The purpose of the fund is to provide research support for work relating to any aspect of the behavior, ecology, physiology, evolution, and systematics of any of the arachnid groups. Awards may be used for field work, museum research (including travel), expendable supplies, identification of specimens, and/or preparation of figures and drawings for publication. Monies from the fund are not designed to augment or replace salary.

Individual awards will not exceed \$1000.00, and, although open to all students and faculty with less than \$500.00 per year research budget, preference will be given to students. A total of \$6000.00 is available for awarding during each funding year. Available monies could be expended for three large proposals, a greater number of partially funded proposals, and/or a number of smaller, less expensive proposals. The final funding pattern is at the discretion of the review committee.

Applications for support should be received by the chair of the review committee no later than January 15. To be considered for an award from the AAS Fund, please submit four copies of a proposal of no more than five pages (including references) detailing your research project.

Proposals should have three main parts: 1) an INTRODUCTION where background information is presented relative to the proposed work. The introduction should include a section which places the proposed

work in context with currently known relevant information, a section which provides justification for the proposed work, and a clear statement of the hypothesis(es) to be tested, or, in the case of systematic revisions, the type of synthesis that will be achieved and its significance; 2) a METHODS section where the methods, materials, experimental design, and statistical or taxonomic analysis(es) to be used are clearly and concisely presented, and 3) a BUDGET explaining (in detail) how monies awarded will be spent in the proposed research.

Proposals should be submitted to:

Dr. Deborah Smith, AAS Fund Chair
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Lawrence, KS 66045 USA

Proposals must be submitted in English. The four copies of the proposal must be in the hands of the Fund chair by the appropriate deadlines to be considered. Electronic submission and/or FAX submission of proposals with hard copies to follow is acceptable only if the other copies arrive before the stated deadlines. If these submission rules are difficult or prohibitive because of cost, erratic postal services, or remote location (remote field stations or sites), other methods of submission may be acceptable. For other submission possibilities, please contact the chair of the Fund at the above address, or electronically at dsmith@kuhub.cc.ukans.edu. Alternative submissions will be accepted only if the chair has been previously contacted, and all deadlines will still apply.